

New School Will Open in Bath This Fall

Confirmation is expected shortly that an independent secondary school in Bath will start its first summer session in four months and will open its regular session with about 65 students in September.

Reliable sources have told The Times that the announcement will come of the approval of sale of the Hyde estate by the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children and Adults to the new school. The Pine Tree Society has previously stated it will relocate its state headquarters and the speech and hearing center in Bath but a new location has not yet been chosen.

The new institution, to be called the Hyde School, after John S. Hyde who built the mansion in 1904, will have as its headmaster Joseph W. Gauld, formerly headmaster at Berwick Academy. Gauld has already purchased a house on South Street.

The Hyde mansion has approximately 63 rooms and includes a kitchen and laundry adequate for the school. The main building was compartmentalized for the Rehabilitation Center the Pine Tree Society ran there until it was moved to the Maine Medical Center a year ago so that patients could be closer to clinical facilities.

There is also a \$170,000 wing built in 1960 which is now used as therapy rooms and which will be used as classrooms.

The mansion also has an indoor swimming pool and the 145 acre grounds include a tennis court, a pond, a greenhouse and other facilities.

It is expected that the mansion itself will house about 50 boys and faculty. The first year there will be an additional 15 day students, and although the boarding section of the school will be strictly for boys, there will be girl students on a day basis. The ultimate size of the school, which should be attained by 1973, is 250 in four classes. Although it will be a college preparatory school emphasis is expected to be placed not so much on college entrance as on educational and development of the individual students.

Gauld received his Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree from Bowdoin and his Masters degree in mathematics from Boston University. He has 15 years of experience in independent schools, as chairman of the mathematics department, head coach of football, basketball and baseball, director of athletics, director of admissions, director of the summer school and assistant headmaster at the New Hampton (N.H.) School and headmaster at Berwick.

The assistant headmaster of the Hyde school will be Sumner A. Hawley who received his BA from Bowdoin and his Masters in English from Columbia University. He was director of studies both at New Hampton and Berwick.

Gauld is presently hiring faculty and although it will be a relatively young group, all members of the faculty hired so far reportedly have graduate degrees and at least six years of teaching experience.

The summer program, opening in June, will have 60 boys and it is geared for the underachiever who has the potential to do much better academically than he does. Gauld initiated and successfully ran such programs at both New Hampton and Berwick.

The first meeting of the board of trustees was held in December, at which time the school was incorporated.

President of the board is T. Tarry Schulten of Woolwich. Vice President and Director of the Canal National Bank. Other area members are William E. Haggett, Director of Public Relations for the Bath Iron Works and Leonard C. Mulligan, president of the Gibbons Company, both of Bath and A. LeRoy Gresson, Jr., of Brunswick, who is Dean of Bowdoin College.

The other trustees are: L. Fabian Bachrach, Jr., of Newton, Mass., Executive Vice-President of Bachrach Studios, Inc., among the world's most famous photographers of men; John Chandler, Boston, Past President of the National Association of Independent Schools and former headmaster of the Grosse Pointe (Michigan) University School, and Philip J. Woodward of Winchester, Mass., a partner in the law firm of Hausermann, Davison and Shattuck.

Gauld is an ex officio member of the board.

Reportedly, the school will not simply be another college preparatory school but will "try to overcome the impersonal trend developing in education today" and will try to develop the full potential of each student through close contact with the faculty and full participation in varied school activities.

According to Pine Tree Society Executive Director William F. Haney, the speech and hearing program will continue to expand in Bath and the Society is presently looking for new quarters in the downtown area. They presently use 8,000 square feet. Presumably, the Pine Tree Society would have moved by the time the summer session began in June.

At present, the Hyde Speech and Hearing Center serves 140 children from Portland to Rockland. Under the Direction of Barry N. Smith, the center works with children who have speech and hearing defects and with "brain damaged" or perceptually disorganized children.



Clipped By:
hyderesearch
Tue, Jan 30, 2024